

WOOD'S TRIAL MOVES SWIFTLY

MUCH EVIDENCE TO SHOW HE KILLED GROCER WILLIAMS.

Woman Witness Identifies Wood as the Man Who Stopped at Her Door on Night After the Murder—Plan of Defense Not Revealed by Prisoner's Counsel.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., May 15.—George H. Wood of New York City, charged with the murder on Feb. 2 of George Williams, a grocer on the Watchung Mountain, was put on trial before Justice Garretson in the Somerset Court here to-day. County Prosecutor John Roger, assisted by former Congressman Alvin A. Clark, is conducting the case for the State. Wood, who would pass for a youth of twenty, but is much older, sat with his wife, a frail little woman with a determined face, who has steadfastly stood by him.

The case is a singular one, unusual in its history. Wood's alleged "dual personality" based on his unsupported statement that he left New York on the morning of Jan. 30 with a mysterious friend whom he calls "Mack," for Scarsdale, Pa. He alleges that the object of their journey was to secure a loan of \$1,000 from Mack's father to enable him to resume his business as an iron construction contractor in New York, in which he had failed.

Wood says he got off of the train with Mack at a railroad junction near Trenton and they had several drinks of beer together. After drinking the beer he declares that he became dazed and thereafter his memory was a blank until he again found himself in New York at the home of his relatives.

Against this strange story the State to-day arrayed a mass of evidence which it seeks to prove that Wood in his normal mind murdered Williams and that the motive was robbery. Jacob Blum, the proprietor of a Plainfield hotel, testified that Wood arrived at his hotel on Jan. 30 and registered as "George H. Wood, New York."

The witness told of Wood's trip on the day after his arrival at the hotel to visit his relatives and to see the Watchung Mountains near Mount Horeb. He said that Wood returned to the hotel a day later and appeared to be in a normal condition. He told the jury that on the morning of the day that Williams was murdered and said he was going to Mount Horeb. He left his suit case and clothing at the hotel, but never returned.

Eugene Wood, a hawkester, testified that he drove Wood to Mount Horeb to the home of his relatives on Jan. 31. He acted in a natural manner and stopped at a roadside house on the mountain and had several drinks. Edward Whitten, Wood's father-in-law, swore that Wood and his wife were on the night of Jan. 31 at his home. Whitten said Wood appeared to be in his normal condition. He returned to Plainfield on Feb. 1. A number of witnesses testified that they had seen Wood on the morning of the murder, when he started on his second trip to Mount Horeb in company with Williams, with whom he had been a partner. They drove him there for \$3. Charles Frone, a clerk in Williams's grocery store, swore that Wood had seen Williams take some money from a drawer in the store and put it in his pocket before he started on the trip.

Eugene Pope and six other witnesses told of the finding of Williams's body with a bullet hole in his back in the sleigh by the roadside in the woods near Mount Horeb about a half hour after Wood and Williams were seen to enter the woods together.

Miss Emma Marvin testified that a man answering Wood's description had stopped at her home near West Milford on Jan. 30 after the murder and asked the way to the Millington railroad station. Wood was ordered to stand up for identification. After scrutinizing the man closely for fully a minute, Miss Marvin said in a steady voice: "That is the man who stopped at my door but he is not a hawkester, and I know because he has his mustache shaved off."

The trial to-day was remarkable for the number of witnesses sworn and the speed with which the case was conducted. The counsel for the defense interposed few objections and gave no intimation of his line of defense.

TESLA MOTOR PATENTS EXPIRE.

Three on Which a Great Part of the World's Electrical Business Is Based.

Three patents granted to Nikola Tesla in 1888, commonly known as the fundamental Tesla motor patents, expired on May 1. For seventeen years they were the nucleus of the electrical industry.

These patents included the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company and by the General Electric Company, which companies also operate a number of subsidiary patents granted to Mr. Tesla and other inventors, based on Tesla's original motor discoveries. The Westinghouse and General Electric companies are prepared to fight any invasion of their rights regarding the Tesla patents, but the fundamental patents are now free to the world.

Tesla said last night at the Waldorf: "Three-fourths of the electrical business of the world is based on the three patents that have expired. Seven or eight years of the time of the patents were wasted before I could get the world to appreciate their importance. Since I secured them I have obtained thirty-six or forty other patents along the same general line, and many of these patents are still running. The expired patents were a broad application of the use of alternating motor current, and by the use of the Tesla motor. Electrical men anticipate a general scramble of manufacturers to make the Tesla machines now that royalties will not have to be paid to the inventor."

A YEAR FOR STEVE O'BRIEN.

Rumors That the Policy King Will Confess and Implicate the "Hugger Uss."

Steve O'Brien, whose conviction on Wednesday of connection with the High Street headquarters of the policy gang in Brooklyn, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Crane in the County Court to one year's imprisonment in the Kings county penitentiary. Luke D. Stapleton, counsel for O'Brien, said that his client would accept the sentence without an attempt to secure a stay or a new trial.

Rumors of confessions and accusations by O'Brien about the "hugger uss" yesterday. It was said that District Attorney Clarke is satisfied that certain information given him will cause a sensation in circles "higher up," and that when the time comes for the prisoner to speak, Judge Aspinwall's statement, made several weeks ago, that the policy business in Brooklyn was backed by men who ought to be ashamed, and were ashamed, will be borne out by the evidence.

One of the chief reasons given for the attitude of O'Brien and his counsel in accepting the sentence without a fight is said to be his want of money.

LETTER CARRIERS TO MARCH.

Brooklyn Post Office to Be Represented in the Memorial Day Parade.

The letter carriers of Brooklyn, for the first time in four years, will take part in the Memorial Day parade in that borough. This is in accordance with the suggestion of Postmaster Roberts that the Post Office should be represented in the procession out of respect to President Roosevelt, who in time comes from Washington to review the veterans and assist at the unveiling of the Statue statue.

The letter carriers will head all the civic organizations and will have their own band and drum and file corps.

To the Insuring Public
The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Philadelphia

On the 7th day of December, 1904, by its Board of Trustees, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, Pa., in order that its policy-holders may have full and exact knowledge of its business management and of the security and character of its investments, that the President of the Company request the Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania, together with the Insurance Commissioners of Massachusetts and Wisconsin, either in person or by deputized and duly qualified and competent examination of the affairs and investments of the Company, as provided for by law, said examination to be made as early as can be arranged after the closing of the accounts of the Company for the current year."

The request of the Trustees was granted, and on the 1st day of February, 1905, the examination was begun, and concluded on the 24th day of April. The official representatives of the three departments, with their assistants and appraisers, in all some fifty persons, covered every detail of the business management and the character and security of the Company's assets. The complete and detailed report of the examiners is too voluminous for publication in the press, but has been printed in pamphlet form and will be furnished on application to the Home Office of the Company in Philadelphia, or to any of its authorized agents in the United States.

The condensed findings of the examiners are included in the following:

Comments of the Commissioners

"THERE WERE PREPARED and submitted to the officers of The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company such questions as were deemed necessary for them to answer. Attached hereto the same may be found as a part of this report."

"AS CALLED FOR in the resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Company, a FULL AND COMPLETE examination of the Company was made, and affairs subjected to the CLOSEST POSSIBLE SCRUTINY."

"THE FINDINGS SUBMITTED by the examiners show that the net surplus of the Company, as of December 31st, 1904, should be \$1,490,480.00 instead of \$4,231,201.22. MAKING A SURPLUS LARGER by \$2,740,721.22 THAN CLAIMED in the annual statement of the Company. All of the Company's assets have been appraised by competent experts employed in this examination, and the increased surplus shown arises from the CONSERVATIVE VALUATION of assets by the management."

"THE CHARTER OF THE COMPANY, granted February 21st, 1847, provides fully for its operation on a purely mutual basis and it HAS NO CAPITAL STOCK. The trustees are elected directly by the body of policy holders, NO PROXY VOTING being permitted, and the officers are elected by the trustees, no one of whom is eligible to official position."

"THE OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES exercise CONSTANT, INTELLIGENT AND FAITHFUL supervision over all features of the company's business."

"THE REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS were examined by competent appraisers selected in the various localities with the result that the valuations obtained are \$387,699.76 IN EXCESS of those claimed by the company."

"THE MORTGAGE AND LOAN DEPARTMENTS are well organized and administer their respective duties with commendable caution and skill."

"THE LOANS ON COLLATERAL are amply margined. The stocks and bonds owned were carefully counted, and the market value ascertained through bond experts, with the result shown that the values claimed by the company are conservative."

"IN ADDITION TO THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS the company has voluntarily set aside \$1,062,679 in order to meet any possible contingencies in the way of lower interest rates on excessive mortality."

"THE EXPENSE OF OBTAINING NEW BUSINESS has been kept at a normal figure, and no disposition has been found to unduly develop the writing of insurance upon Deferred Dividend Plans. On these the dividends are appropriated annually, and the interests of the policy holders are fully guarded by the terms of the contracts and the practice of the company."

"THE AGENCY BRANCH, looking at the annual product of new business, has been conducted with due economy, and with fidelity to the interests of policy holders."

"THE SELECTION OF RISKS is in competent hands, as the very excellent mortality experience of the company indicated. The company is operating in practically all the states and territories of the United States, and on December 31, 1904, has upon the "paid for" basis 140,708 policies outstanding, insuring \$332,016,257."

"Although an examination of this kind naturally interferes with the routine work of the office, the officers and employees of the company rendered every assistance within their power to the examiners, and cheerfully complied with all requests."

Signed: ISRAEL W. DURHAM, Insurance Commissioner, Pennsylvania.
FRED'K L. CUTTING, Insurance Commissioner, Massachusetts.
ZENO M. HOST, Insurance Commissioner, Wisconsin.

It is with pleasure and satisfaction that the Trustees and Officers have received and now publish the report of the Commissioners. In the future, as in the past, they will strive to fulfil the mission of A PURELY MUTUAL COMPANY, confining their efforts to transacting its business within the lines laid down in its Charter and By-Laws and in strict compliance therewith.

HARRY F. WEST, President.

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SHOT HIMSELF WITH A RIFLE.

Pickle Manufacturer Ransom Attempts Suicide at His Home in Spring Valley.

NYACK, May 15.—J. O. Ransom, who for many years has been engaged in the manufacture of pickles in this county and in several large cities, shot himself with a rifle to-day, and the doctors say he cannot live. Mr. Ransom has been in ill health for several months at his home in Spring Valley, but would not be around and look after his business, which is very prosperous.

Lately he has been depressed in spirits because of ill health and this morning went to his room, placed the muzzle of a rifle against his breast and pulled the trigger.

Mr. Ransom and his family are among the most respected people of this county, and have for years been active workers in the Episcopal church of Spring Valley.

Court Calendars This Day.

Appellate Division Supreme Court, Nos. 105, 111, 112, 4, 6, 20, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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Aldermen Ask for \$3,000 for Draping City Hall and for Carriages.

The Aldermen's committee which has in charge the arrangements for the public funeral of the city is to give to Hiram Crook, the last survivor of the War of 1812, yesterday in the City Hall and decided to ask the board at to-day's meeting to appropriate \$3,000 for the draping of the City Hall and for the hire of carriages so that the Aldermen may ride in the funeral procession to Cypress Hills Cemetery.

The committee asked the Mayor if he would approve the appropriation. He told them that he would let them know when it came to him in the usual course.

STEAMER MARY POWELL.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Saturday, May 14, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday, May 15, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Monday, May 16, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 17, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 18, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday, May 19, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Friday, May 20, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday, May 21, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Sunday, May 22, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday, May 23, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 24, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 25, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Thursday, May 26, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday, May 27, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Saturday, May 28, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday, May 29, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Monday, May 30, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 31, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Wednesday, June 1, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday, June 2, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Friday, June 3, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday, June 4, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Sunday, June 5, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday, June 6, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Tuesday, June 7, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Wednesday, June 8, at 10 P. M.

Leaving Brooklyn, N. Y., for New York, N. Y., on Thursday, June 9, at 10 P. M.

Leaving New York, N. Y., for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday, June 10, at 10 P. M.

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